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SUBJECT: BRITISH NUCLEAR VIEWS

REF: NEW DELHI 16648

1. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRITISH HERE ON OTHER SUBJECTS A STRONG PITCH WAS MADE FOR TAKING A HARD LINE WITH THE INDIANS IN OUR FORTHCOMING NUCLEAR TALKS. THIS WAS CHARACTERIZED AS THE "ONE SLUG" APPROACH VERSUS THE "STEP-BY-STEP" STRATEGY THEY SEE THE US AS FOLLOWING. THE BRITISH EVIDENTLY HAVE IN MIND THE TACK THEY SHOULD PURSUE IN THEIR TALKS DURING CALLAGHAN'S VISIT TO INDIA JANUARY 6-11. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF HIGH COMMISSIONER THOMSON'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AS WELL AS ANY PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS YOU MAY HAVE. A RESPONSE EARLY IN THE WEEK WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO BRITISH REQUEST, WE SUGGESTED THAT

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AMBASSADOR GOHEEN AND TOM THORNTON, WHO WILL REMAIN IN NEW DELHI AFTER PRESIDENT'S VISIT, WILL PLAN TO DEBRIEF BRITISH HICOM ON DISCUSSIONS WITH DESAI ON NONPROLIFERATION SO THAT PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN CAN BE INFORMED BEFORE HE ENGAGES INDIANS ON THE SAME TOPIC. VANCE

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